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### **Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response**

[0001] In a telephone discussion on June 13, 2008, the Examiner indicated that a proposed amendment to the claims indicating that the prepreg material is formed, partially curing the prepreg material, and then after partially curing the prepreg material, providing an elastomeric caul over the prepreg material would overcome the cited references.

[0002] This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.